

Clegg, and each one in his turn spoke on the mission of the Elders of Israel. Elder Rich now followed with an elo-quent address upon different principles.

In the afternoon we met for the last

time. The crowd was somewhat larger. The speakers were Elders A. W. Lar-

son, John D. Morrill, followed by the president of the conference, Heber S. Olson, Elder Ben E. Rich again favored

the public with a discourse.

After the services you could hear the

people speak of the eloquence displayed during the conference. The Elders are

now pushing the work in the larger cities of the State, under the manage-ment of Elder Heber S. Olson, from

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Good Impressions Created During

the Several Meetings.

Elder C. R. Humpherys writes from Charleston, S. C., Feb. 16:

The South Carolina Conference was held in Charleston, February 9 and 10.

Thirty Elders arrived in the city February 8. All seemed to be in excellent

spirits and enjoying good health. We met in Priesthood meeting Saturday at 10 o'clock. We had hoped to see

to urgent business elsewhere he was unable to be with us.

Elder Elton, of Chattanooga, met

with us and conveyed the instructions

and wishes of Elder Rich to us. Sunday morning, at 9 o'clock, the Saints and Elders met in testimony

At 11 o'clock, a public meeting was

held with a fair attendance. Elder C

R. Humpherys made the opening ad-

Anderson who spoke upon the method of interpreting the Scriptures. Elder D. H. Elton was then intro-

duced to the audience and spoke in a plain and forcible manner upon the

Another meeting was held at 3 o'clock

with a good audience. Elder Karren reviewed the plan of salvation. He was

followed by Elder Elton who empha-sized the necessity of the children of

men following the same doctrine which was anciently preached to the people.

At night a number of people came out to satisfy their curiosity as to what

our views are concerning the marriage

relations. Elder Elton reviewed briefly

fields of labor feeling bounteously re

AN IOWA CONFERENCE.

The Semi - Annual Gathering Held

Des Moines.

Releases and Appointments - Large

Audiences at the Meetings - A

Good Spirit Prevailing.

This conference report is dated Des

Moines, Iowa, Feb. 14, and signed by

Elders Anthon M. Hansen, Willis A.

Smith, and Elisha J. Duke, conference

presidency, and R. W. Stoker, secre-

On Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 2 and

3, the Elders laboring in the State of

At the conference held six months

previous, four Elders were appointed

to labor in Des Moines, which was then comparatively a new field; they were so

successful in making friends and con-

verts that when conference was an

nounced again Des Moines was the

thriving Sunday school and a M. I. A.

been rented in which the Saints and

and Elders met in Sacrament and tes-

timony meeting. Elder Louis A. Kelsch arrived at 1:15

Two of the Eiders were

Elders Willis A. Smith and

leased, viz: Nephi Otteson and John W.

Elisha J. Duke were sustained as coun-

selors to Elder Hansen. Elder R. W.

The Elders gave an account of their

previous fields and expressed their

pleasure in regard to the assignments,

both of companions and places of labor

of the Nebraska conference, spoke a short time, encouraging the Elders to

continue in their good work.

invite the public to attend.

which Elders Boyer and Hayes

and local authorities were sus-

The Elders were divided into groups

of the city to hold street meetings in

resent, after which he stated the ob-

ence, occupied the remainder of the time. He spoke upon the salyation of

Sunday morning on account of the

stormy weather, the audience was not so large, but the same spirit prevailed.

Elder Nephi Otteson addressed the congregation. He said that although his

labors as a missionary in Iowa were over, he did not feel that he had been

over, he did not feel that he had been released from missionary work in a general way; neither did he hope to be, because he had learned to love the work, and with the Spirit of God he

would endeavor to promote truth at

most suitable place to convene.

have been organized, and a hall

Iowa held their semi-annual conference

at Des Moines,

siding.

the conference.

paid for their long and weary walks to

entire satisfaction of all present.

The Elders left for their

dress and was followed by Elder

principles of the Gospel.

smiling countenance of our presi-t, Elder Ben E. Rich, but owing

Fairview.

## THE COSPEL IN SCOTLAND

There Are Many Opportunities for Bearing

The Country Well Provided With Literature on the Principles of Truth and Salvation.

From Elder Alex. Buchanan the "News" has received this communication, dated Glasgow, January 30:

As far as the progress of "Mormon-Ism" in auld Scotland is concerned, the work is going on apace and we as humble missionaries feel to thank God that things are as well with us as they are True, we are not constantly engaged baptizing new converts, but ample opportunity is afforded us from time to time to "preach the Gospel" and from this we derive considerable satisfaction. Our forte here is speaking on the street corners, as we believe this to be the most effective way of getting the Gospel before the people. During the past year 500 street meetings were held in Scotland, this meaning that many testimonies were borne, the same fall-ing upon the ears of thousands of truly religious, honest-hearted people. are these testimonies vain as many would fain believe; for in conversing with individuals from time to time it is not at all uncommon to hear them remark that thirty, forty or fifty years ago, as the case may be, they heard "Mormon" Elders preach in certain sections, and the words which they had spoken had been ringing in their ears

ever since. This, to us, is proof posi-tive that our work is not altogether fruitless and acts as an incentive to further effort that "this Gospel of the kingdom" may be "preached in all the world for a witness before the end shall The Scottish people do not dull their "palm with entertainment of each newhatched, unfledged comrade," as Shapespeare has it, but rather eye them with suspicion until such time as they "their adoption tried;" then grap ple them to their souls "with hooks of steel." This being an inborn character. istic of Scotia's folk, it should not be difficult to imagine the peculiar position a "Mormon" missionary is placed In in tracting from door to do art of getting conversations—for here it is an art—is not easily acquired as fellow laborers will testify, so that this part of the program is not always as replete with good results as we would like to see it. During the year over 165,000 tracts were distributed in Scotland, this meaning 55,000 strangers' 5 per cent of those called upon were willing to lend a listening ear to a brief outline of Gospel principles, or elicited a particular desire to make any especial inquiry. The truth is, Scotland is tracted-or "tracked," as many have it

-to death, so much so in fact, as to make the receipt of Gospel literature so commonplace that it arouses within the recipient no great desire for investigation. It reminds one of a story told of a lady district visitor who made a call, one evening when the head of the household was at home. The guidman laid aside his pipe while the lady recited texts and sung a hymn. When she rose to go she handed the guidman a nice tract to read at his leisure. guidman exhibited his politeness by rising to open the door for her, and found to his surprise that the stair gas was still unlit. "Tut, tut," he said, "that stair's no' safe; wait till I licht the gas!" Then the lady saw the tract which she had given him for enlight enment twisted up into a torch for her enlightenment. The gas was lit, and the lady departed in some doubt if she had gathered anyone into the fold that The illustration may be overdrawn

but to the mind of many an Elder it solves the problem of the disposition of many a Gospel tract handed in for the delectation, spiritually, of the guidman, and his entire family.

A word for the ladies before closing. Our dear sisters, assigned to this se tion, are doing yeoman service for the cause, which they have espoused. In the past eighteen months, their assiduous labors have resulted in the making amany friends and the consequent of literation of a vast amount of prejudice that once obtained in the of well-educated people concerning the Latter-day Saints. These individuals. prominent in social and church circles are now among our warmest and lose no opportunity in disabusing minds of their associates of the pe cultar icens formerly entercained concerning the "Mormon" people, their customs and practices. Occasionally our sisters are called upon to address Bands of Hope, Boys' Brigades, etc. and in this way an impression is made which will some day count for good, and among a class of people, too, whose ranks it would have been decidedly ranks it would have been decidedly difficult for the Elders to gain access Truly, our lady missionaries are do ing a noble work and they in Scotland -Sisters Booth, Frame and Penfoldhave our faith, prayers and warmest support in the work which they have

so valiantly engaged in. We feel to sax in our hearts, "God bless them." Need I say the Deseret News is much appreciated? Deprive us of it and listen to our protest.

A Profitable Conference Held at Richmond.

Eider Carl A. Miller sends this report dated Richmond, Va., Feb. 7: A conference was held on Dec. 15 and 16, in Monticello hall, located on the our conference the weather was beauti ful, when taking into consideration the season of the year.

On Saturday morning the Elders met in a body, for the purpose of receiving j-tructions from the president. The

part: "It is not enough to believe in the revelations of God, the Book of Mormon and other books, but we must put ourselves in a condition to live up to every word and requirement spoken by the Prophets of God."

erence, addressed the congregation. Brother Harvey H. Cluff of Provo who is here attending college, followed with some very valuable instructions. Elder Jos. F. Thomas of Colorado, former president of the Iowa conference, being here on business, was asked to speak. He did so by relating some of his missionary experience and encour-aging the Elders in their work.

Elder L. A. Kelsch then spoke words of encouragement to the Saints and Elders and bore a strong testimony.

The following day the good sisters and Elders had prepared for a social gathering. The program consisted of

songs, recitations, instrumental music etc., after which we partook of a boun-After the repast Elder Kelsch left

but the remainder of the party lingered

enjoy themselves talking and sing-The only feature of regret was that two of our number were to leave us soon, to return home. But we all join in wishing them a happy return and may the blessings of God attend them in their future labors.

The conference has had its effects, as eight souls have united with the Church

"News" is always welcome, and is appreciated by all the Elders, as well as the Saints and investigators, who anxiously await its arrival. It is a power for good, and a great aid to the El-ders in their warfare against error.

### NOTABLE CASE OF HEALING

Manifestation of the Power of God Through His Servants.

A Gentleman Who Had Been Sick for Many Months Immediately Restored to Health.

The following account is sent us by Elder C. R. Humpherys in a letter dated Charleston, S. C., Feb. 15:

The first of the year Elder Karren and I entered the historic old city of Charleston for the purpose of preaching the Gospel to its inhabitants who hitherto have been quite inaccessible because of the prejudice existing in the hearts of the city officials.

We visited the mayor and gained permission from him to visit and tract the business houses of the city only,

We fairly begun our labors and were received very kindly, with few exceptions, when the opposing force entered upon the scene. While canvassing we were accosted by an officer and asked to accompany him to the guard house, which we willingly did. Userriving there we learned from the Upon versation of the chief of police that the mayor evidently had changed his mind or forgotten the permission he gave us

work the city. We kindly asked for a hearing before the mayor, which was given us, but without any satisfaction. That we should not deliver our mes-

sage to the people seemed to be the determination of the officials.

A Methodist, and an earnest investi-

gator of our doctrine, had witnessed last September the healing of his sister under the administration of my hands. He asked us to go with him and visit a sick man, a member of his church, named Phetman.

We complied with his wishes and upon talking with the sick man we found him possessed of great faith that he could be healed by the power of God according to His promises.

He had been on his bed for eight months and could not move his limbs. He had been unable to move on the bed without assistance.

We administered to him according to his request. In less than five minutes the administration we told him to raise his arms vertically which he freely did. This he had not been able to do in over eight months. He next rose up and got out of bed without assistance and sat in a chair. After some time he expressed a desire to kneel in family prayer. He knelt down for the first time in months and thanked the Lord that the servants of God had been sent to him, and through God's power he had been healed.

He was so animated with joy that he called his wife and friends to his side to shake hands with him to show them he had completely regained their use. The next day he was able to walk with crutches and now is steadily im-

The Rev. Mr. Harley, his preacher, hearing of his healing, called in to see him and upon being told that he was On Saturday at 10 a, m, the Saints healed through the administration of the "Mormon" Elders Mr. Harley began to abuse him and wage war against us. He also said, "If God heals you p. m., and at 2 p. m. the Elders met in Priesthood meeting, Elder Kelsch prethrough the 'Mormon' Elders that God is not my God.' As is always the case when the puny arm of man is uplifted against the work of God, it falls short of its purpose and God's power is made triumphant. Stokes was sustained as secretary of

Mr. Harley is making many friends for us and is quietly assisting us in getting the Gospel before the honest heart-

## CONFERENCE REPORT.

A Profitable Gathering at St. Louis, Mo.

The subjoined report is dated St. Louis, Mo., and signed by Elders William L. Waite and Chas. N. Maughan: of four and separated to different parts The Southern Illinois conference met in Fraternal Hall, this city, Feb. 7th. order to announce the meetings and Elder Louis A. Kelsch, of the Northern invite the public to attend.

At 7:30 p. m. Saturday the first general meeting was held. A large and an appreciative audience was in attendance. Saints and friends from all parts States mission, the twenty Elders of this conference, together with numer-ous Saints and friends were in attend-ance. Conference President Elder Wm. L. Waite called the meeting to order, of the State and some from adjoining and stated the object of our meeting. had come to enjoy the spirit Elder A. M. Olson spoke on the princiwhich always accompanies such gatherples of the Gospel and the necessity of obeying them. Elder E. J. Dalrymple was the next speaker. His subject was revelation. The remainder of the time was taken up by Elder Kelsch, who He welcomed all the Saints and expressed his pleasure of seeing so many spoke on the magnitude of the Latter-Elders Hayes of the Nebraska confer-

At 10:30 a. m. of the following day, all Elders met in Priesthood meeting, where we received our assignments and companions, reported our labors in the past and expressed our feelings in regard to the work. All felt well and de-termined to do their duty. Elder Kelsch gave valuable instructions.

In the evening another public meeting was held. Elders B. W. Nawlin, F. G. Nellson and Kelsch were the speakers. A notable feature of our services was the singing. Elder W. H. Wilson with sweet voice sang the solo entitled, "Jo-seph Smith's first prayer," and Sister Theo. Martin rendered in her usual ar-tistic manner, "The Holy City," Our A feature of the meeting was the quartette, "Zion Prospers, All is Well." sung by Elder Terry and companions.

Elder Kelsch then spoke. He said in

sidering the inclement weather. Among the visiting Saints were Brother, and Sister Schmitgall, who had come seventy-five miles to be present.

Our work here is progressing nicely. We have a Sunday school organized with forty members enrolled, and all experienced joy and happiness in meet-ing together, partaking of the Sacrament, and studying the commandments of the Lord.

The "News" comes regularly and is a potent factor in disseminating the truth. Thankful for the Gospel.

Elder Jas. H. Sullivan, of Joseph, Se ier county, in a letter dated February 16, says that four months ago he left his home in North Carolina to join the people in Utah. At first he felt home-sick, he says, but now he is perfectly satisfied and feels thankful to his Eternal Father for the privilege he had of coming to Zion. He concludes his let-

ter as follows: I want to bear my humble testimon; to all that may read these few words that surely the Lord has spoken from heaven in this day and age and estab lished His kingdom, never to be torn asunder again. The judgments of God will soon be poured out upon the na-tions of the earth. I wish to say to all my North Carolina friends, who may read these words, that I still remembe them. Accept my testimony and pre-pare for the coming of the great day of

#### ENJOYING HIS LABORS. Some Persecution is Met With, but No Serious Opposition.

Elder Jethro D. Brown sends this communication from Hartman, Miss., February 8:

I am enjoying my labors in the mission field, although we are few in number and meeting with little success. This field has been thoroughly worked and nearly all the honest-hearted have been gathered in the fold. But now and then we find one that accepts the glad message, and when we do it gives us joy, knowing we are accomplishing some good. I have met with a little persecution on my travels, but it only makes me enjoy the sweet and caused me to humble myself and depend more on the Lord, I will relate an incident that occurred the other night while my companion, R. A. Richey, and I were holding meeting with a family at a little saw-mili town called Boxterville. We held a meeting there and while we were together some of the adversary's servants came to disturb us. They made some noise while I was speaking, but never came in the house. We appointed another meeting for the next night and we had a large crowd, and a good meeting, and were unmolested. The "News" is a welcome visitor and much appreciated.

## RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder E. M. Orme, of Tooele, Tooele county, returned on the 14th of this month from the Eastern States mission. He was set apart for this field on the 10th day of May, 1899. He has been aboring in the Maryland conference the first eight months as a traveling Elder. Then he was appointed first counselor to Elder Edwin Wright, the conference president. He held this po-sition until last August, when he was appointed president of the conference. says he has had an enjoyable time, and that the prospects are encouraging. He was released somewhat earlier than anticipated, on account of the sickness of his mother, who, however, at present is recovering from her ill-

Elder Philip Quayle, of Treasureton, Bannock county, Idaho, reports his re-turn, on the 18th of the present month, from the British mission, for which he vember, 1898. He has been laboring in the Liverpool conference. Whi he enjoyed good health. He While there the Commonwealth and had a nice trip.

Elder P. A. Agrean, of Harrisville, Weber county, returned on the 19th of this month from a mission to the Northern States. He was set apart on the 13th day of October, 1897. His field of labor has been the Northern Illinois conference. He states that he had an enjoyable mission, and made friends while traveling from place to

Elder John W. Jensen, of Hyrum, Elder John W. Jensen, of Hyrum. Cache county, returned on the 16th of this month from a mission to the Northern States. He was set apart on the 9th day of November, 1898. He spent all the time in the State of Iowa, where where he says the mission is prosper-

Elder James Crooks Thomson, of Moab, Wayne county, returned on the 14th of this month from a mission to New Zealand. He was set apart on the 4th day of March, 1890. He labored for two years in the Bay of Island district and the remainder of the time in Christ's church and Manawatu. During his mission he organized three cottage Sunday schools, two in the Whan-garei district and one in Christ Church. One of these was the means of bringing several persons into the Church, He has enjoyed good health. According to a resolution formed at a recent conference the Elders laboring among the Europeans now travel without "purse scrip" and hold street meetings, and they are meeting with encouraging Elder Charles Stephens, Bennington, Bear Lake county, Idaho, returned in company with Elder Thom-son, also from New Zealand. He was set apart on the 22nd of June, 1898, for that mission.

Elder O. A. Fuller, of Mill Creek, Salt Lake county, returned on the 28th day of January last, from a mission to the Northwestern States. He labored in eastern Washington, Tacoma and Nampa, Idaho. He was set apart on the 15th day of March, 1899, and he reports having met with fair success. The field is new, but progressing.

Elder David C. Shupe, of North Ogden, Weber county, was set apart on the 17th day of November, 1898, for a mission to the Southern States. He labored in the Middle Tennessee conferthe first twenty-one months. was then transferred to the Kentucky conference, where he remained four months. The last part of his mission he spent in the Virgina conference, and especially in the city of Richmond. He returned home on the 15th of this month. He says he has met with fair success, and that the work is progress-

Elder C. J. Howard, of Bountiful. Davis county, returned on the 15th of this month from a mission to the South-ern States, for which he was set apart on the 14th day of December, 1898. He labored in the Louisiana conference for six months and was then transferred the Chattanooga conference, where he was engaged in missionary work un released. He states that his health has been good and that he has been treated well, as a rule. People gener-ally are indifferent, but in some places the Elders meet with much success.

## Danger of Colds and La Grippe

The greatest danger from colds and la grippe is their resulting in pneu-monia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for these diseases we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous ma'ady It will cure a cold or an attack of la grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to

# Power and Authority Of the Priesthood.

Discourse delivered at the General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Saturday Morning, October 6, 1900, by

ELDER JOHN W. TAYLOR.

Binding, Sealing and Blessing Power of the Priesthood-Patriarchal Office Not Always Appreciated - Every Authoritative Change of Officers Should be Cheerfully Accepted-Example of Hyrum Smith.

bly pray that our Father who is in Heaven will bless me with a portion of His Holy Spirit this afternoon, that what I shall say may be in accordance with His mind and will. I feel to bear testimony to the truth of all that I have heard during this conference. I have felt so much like we always feel, I suppose, at our conferences-that this is one of the best conferences that I have ever attended.

There is a question that I would like to speak to you upon a little. It seems to be very much in line with the remarks of several of the previous speakers. To commence with, I desire to make a quotation that was made by Elder Clawson yesterday. It is the words of our Lord and Savior to Peter, (Matt. 16, 13-19.) the presiding Apostle after Peter had received the revelation from God that Jesus was the Christ. Jesus said: "Whom do men say that I, the Son

of Man. am? And they said, some say that thou art John the Baptist; some Elias; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the pro-

"He saith unto them, but whom say ye that I am?
"And Simon Peter answered and said,

thou art the Christ, the Son of the 'And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in

"And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

"And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatso-ever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatsover thou

shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven." It is the latter remark I wish to refer to more particularly. Peter at that time held the same position that Presi-

dent Lorenzo Snow holds today, this was a very great endowment that he received from the Lord Jesus Christ, to bind on earth and it should be bound in heaven, or to loose on earth, and it should be loosed in heaven. This same power has been bestowed in these days. It is our custom when we marry a wife to go to the man who holds this great power and by His authority we are sealed to gether in the holy bonds of matrimony for time and for all eternity, according to the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we will be husband and wife in eternity. There are many other eter-nal blessings that have been given unto the children of men. I wish to refer to a great promise that the Lord made unto Abraham, our forefather. The Lord was very much pleased with Abraham and his course in life. But Abraham would be a very unpopular man today. Out of all the millions of people that dwelt upon the earth then. Lord saw fit on one occa visit His servant Abraham, and while He was there He gave him command-He said unto Abraham:

"Get thee out of thy country, from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a

"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the

earth be blessed.'

Here is another instance of man whom the Lord visited a conferred divine authority upon, to bless the children of men, and they should be blessed, curse them and they should be cursed. in accordance with the authority, Abrablessed his son Isaac; ham blessed his son Jacob; Jacob blessed his twelve sons from his four wives, and they became the founders of the house of Israel. In this Jacob officiated as a Patriarch, and he not only blessed his sons, but he prophesied what should befall them, even unto the latest day. I refer to these instances that we may have before our minds the fact that it has been the custom in various ages of the world to exercise this divine authority for the benefit of the children Enoch, the Prophet of God, also officiated in this Patriarchial order, and Enoch was a friend of God. The Lord our God talked unto him as one man talks to another, and Enoch became so familiar with the mind and will of the Father that he not only led his people out of bondage, but brought them to see eye to eye. became of one heart and of one mind. and the Lord was so pleased with them that He took Enoch and his city unto

## DUTIES OF A PATRIARCH.

I wish to draw your attention esto the Patriarchial order that has been revealed in these last kingdom of God. We have a man who stands at the head of the patriarchal order in our Church. That man is Brother John Smith. He always sits That man is here with the First Presidency of the Why is it that he occupies Church. this exalted position when sitting before the people in their general confer-ences? It is because the Lord acknowledges a Patriarch as a man who is endowed with a very high office in the Church and kingdom of God, and who has a special endowment given to him for a special purpose. If there is any man in this Church who has a cial calling for life it is a Patriarch have sometimes thought, however, from remarks which I have heard from men bearing the holy Priesthood, that the ignorance regarding the Patriarchal order is extremely dense among the

In order that you may better under-stand my remarks, I wish to refer to a conversation that I had the other day with a gentleman in one of the Stakes of Zion. One of the Twelve Apostles had been around in that locality, makhad been around in that ward. What ing some changes in the ward. What nformed by the Apostle Paul that the are placed in the Church for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, and to bring the people on my right and on my left are engaged in this kind of a calling from one year's end to another. As I was saying, one of the Twelve had been around and he found a certain Bishop presiding over a ward. He felt impressed that it would be well to make a change in that ward, The Bishop was quite aged, but he had been a faithful man all his days; so faithful indeed that this Apostle felt impressed that if he could get the con-

My dear brethren and sisters: I hum- | sent of the First Presidency this man should be ordained a Patriarch, change was accordingly made. What was the result? This Bishop began to omplain immediately that he had been aid upon the shelf, and that he had een dropped from his calling Bishop without receiving any special notice that this change was going to take place in his ward.

EVERY CALLING SHOULD BE HONORED. Before proceeding any further, let me explain a moment. As I understand the

order of this Church, a man who is called to be a Bishop is called to that office for the especial purpose of looking after the business affairs of that ward, and when through old age, sickness or incapacity he becomes disqualified to perform the duties of that office, or when through his faithfulness he is called to a greater ordination in the Church, it is right and pleasing in the sight of God that this change should take place. When the First Presidency of this Church informs a Bishop that he is released from presiding over a certain ward, there is just as much propriety about it as there would be if that man were presiding over a mission and he were re-leased from that mission by the Presidency of the Church. I am now called to preside over the Colorado mission. I do not expect that I shall stay there all the balance of my life, and if I re-ceive a release from the First Presi-dency of this Church at any time in the future, I assure you I shall never enter any complaint against them, or any-body else, for being released. I want to say to the Bishops of wards, you are not called there for life; but when you are released from your Bishopric Priesthood is never taken away from you, except through transgression. WILLING AND OBEDIENT COM-MENDED,

Now to return to this Bishop of whom I was speaking. The Apostle had felt inspired of God to recommend to the First Presidency of this Church that said Bishop be ordained a Patriarch. Did that man appreciate that patriately that der which was bestewed upon archal order which was bestowed upon him? No, he did not. Now, let me make a quotation to those laboring in this calling: "The rights of the Priesthood are in-

separably connected with the powers of heaven, and the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness." This man, I understand, said that he had never received the spirit of the patriarchal order. I want to tell you that there never was a man in the Church of God that received the spirit of any calling whereunto he was called until he started to administer in that calling. If I am called on a foreign mission and expect to get the spirit of that mission, prepare myself and begin to seek after the Lord. It is the same with a Patriarch or any other officer in the Church of God. Now regarding this change eing made without any notice to the Bishop, which seemed to give him so much offense. There is no man under the sound of my voice that can cite me o an instance where the Lord has ever said, "I will come and tell you when I will need you for some other kind of a work." I have heard this kind of talk until I am tired of it. To me its always an indication of men's ignorance concerning the glorious promises connected with the Holy Priesthood. I have heard of an instance where a man said that he had been laid upon the I have heard of others who have actually been offered the privilege of being ordained a Patriarch and have re-fused it, because they felt like they being degraded rather than exalted in the Priesthood. I say again that the Lord never informs people when he is going to make a change. In his own time he comes and makes the Let us see what one of the change. Let us see what one greatest men that ever lived, opinion, said when a change of this kind was made with him. man whose character I have always ad-mired. I have loved his memory, and I love his descendants today. As I remember, he was occupying the position next to the Prophet, Seer and Revelator to this Church-exactly the same high and exalted position that President George Q. Cannon occupies in the Church today. I refer to Hyrum Smith, The mind and will of the Lord came unto him without any notice whatever, and he did not complain about it, he did not feel like he had been laid on the shelf. The word of the Lord is as fol-

And again, verily I say unto you, let my servant William be appointed, ordained, and anointed, as a counselor unto my servant Joseph, in the room of my servant Hyrum, that my servant Hyrum may take the office of Priesthood and Patriarch, which was ap-pointed unto him by his father, by blessing and also by right.
"That from henceforth he shall hold

the keys of the patriarchal blessings upon the heads of all my people, "That whoever he blesses shall be blessed, and whoever he curses shall be on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever he shall loose on earth shall

be loosed in heaven; 'And from this time forth I appoint unto him that he may be a Prophet, and a Seer, and a Revelator unto my Church, as well as my servant Joseph. The last paragraph contains a specia appointment unto Hyrum Smith and does not refer to Patriarchs in general, sion from the Lord. But the power to seal on earth and it shall be sealed in heaven belongs to every Patriarch Church of Christ.

Did Hyrum Smith stand up and tell his brother Joseph that he was occupying the position of one of the First Presi-dency of the Church and stood as the second man in the kingdom, and he did not wish to be released from that position to become the Patriarch of the Church? No, he did not. Why? Be-cause he realized it was the mind and will of God ,and instead of being a step backward in the Church, it was a step forward; in other words, it was a step into another department which we equally honorable. More than that, as the mind and will of God, and this hould always be considered above all other things. Hyrum Smith went forth and officiated in that calling, and here is his descendant today, the Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints.

ALL PROMISED BLESSINGS CON-DITIONAL,

Another thing. When I received my patriarchal blessing there was a clause in it which has always been a warning unto me. My blessing concluded like this: "I seal these blessings upon your head according to your faithfulness in keeping the commandments of God." I advise all you Patriarchs when you bless the children of men to put in a clause of this kind, because, as I have

said, the blessings and powers heaven are inseparably connected with Priesthood, and they can only controlled and handled upon the pripple of righteousness. The young ple of righteousness are inserting that the pripple of righteousness in the pripple of righteousness. controlled and handled upon the principle of righteousness. The young man saved?" Jesus, "What shall I do to be goods, give them to the poor, and follow him. That was the condition, When dividual or the people he always added something that they should do to secure meek: for they shall inherit the earth is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled, for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the poor in a condition of righteousness: for they shall be filled, for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." If you will not tice, Jesus always put in a condition upon which the blessing and thirst condition they have the blessing a condition which the blessing a condition that the same they which the blessing a condition that they which the blessing a condition that they which the blessing a condition that they want they have the blessing a condition that they want they are persecuted that they want they are persecuted to the they are persecuted to the they want they are persecuted to the they are t Ringdom of heaven. If you will tice, Jesus always put in a condi-upon which the blessing could be ceived by the children of men. I gest to the Patriarchs that in gest to the Patriarchs that in your blessings you also add a condition. As we were told yesterday by President Lorenzo Snow at the opening of the conference, God will judge us by what we do and not merely by what we say I have known people to receive Patri-archal blessings which have not been fulfilled, and their sons and daughters have stood up in reproach and known that their father's or th er's blessing had not been fulfilled. F I want to tell you that there would very few Patriarchal blessings unit filled, if those who received them w remember that no blessing can vouchsafed unto the children of m excepting through their faithfulness

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